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Westminster, November 15.

THE Queen came this Day to the House of Peers; and being, in her Royal Robes, seated on the Throne, with the usual Solemnity, Mr. Aston, Deputy Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from Her Majesty to the House of Commons, requiring their Attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, Her Majesty was pleased to make the following most gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IT is a great Satisfaction to Me, that I am able to give you so good an Account of the Progress of the War since the last Session of Parliament.

In the beginning of this Year our Enemies made use of all their Artifices to amuse us with false Appearances and deceitful Insinuations of their Desire of Peace, in hopes that from thence Means might be found to create some Divisions or Jealousies among the Allies; but they were entirely disappointed in their Expectation, and such Measures were taken upon that Occasion, as made it impossible for them long to disguise their Insincerity. The Operations of the War were not delay'd, and the Campaign, which, notwithstanding the backwardness of the Season, immediately followed, has been, at least, as Glorious for the Allies as any of those which have preceded it.

God Almighty has been pleased to bless us with a most remarkable Victory, and with such other great and important Successes, both before and after it, that France *is thereby become much more exposed and open to the Impression of our Arms, and consequently more in need of a Peace, than it was at the beginning of this Campaign.*

However, the War still continuing, I find my self obliged again to desire you, Gentlemen of the House of Commons, *to grant Me such Supplies as you shall judge necessary for the Assisting our Allies in all Parts, and the Vigorous Prosecution of our Advantages, that we may put the last Hand to this great Work of reducing that Exorbitant and Oppressive Power, which has so long threaten'd the Liberties of* Europe.

I assure you, that all you give shall be carefully applyed to the Uses of the War, if it continues, or to the lessening of the Debts it has necessarily occasioned, in case of a Peace; which, though the many Wants and Distresses of our Enemies may naturally lead us to expect, yet our own late Experience may fully convince us, is not to be depended upon any other way, than by being in a Condition to compell them to such Terms as may be safe and honourable for all the Allies.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I think it proper to take Notice to you, that the great Dearth and Scarcity under which our Neighbours Abroad have suffered this Year, begins to affect us in some Measure at Home, by the Temptation of Profit, in carrying out too much of our Corn, while it bears so high a Price in Foreign Parts.

This occasions many Complaints from the Poor, for whose sake I earnestly recommend to you to take this growing Evil into your Consideration, having not neglected any thing on my Part towards the remedying of it that the Law would allow.

I cannot conclude without observing to you, of what great Advantage it will be at this time, to the End we all propose to our selves, that the greatest Dispatch be given to the necessary Preparations for carrying on the War.

St. James's, November 15. The Baron Rosencrantz, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of Denmark (being introduced by the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary Boyle, and conducted by Sir Charles Cottrell, Master of the Ceremonies) had this Evening his first private Audience of Her Majesty.

The humble Address of the Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury, and others the Freeholders of the County of *Gallway*; was transmitted from *Ireland*, and presented to her Majesty by his Excellency the Earl of *Wharton*, Lord-Lieutenant of that Kingdom.

Which Address her Majesty received very graciously.

Hague, November 15. N. S. On the 11th Instant the Swiss Company which lay here in Garrison marched from hence, and on the same Day the Horse Guards marched into this Place. On the 12th Monsieur Pettecum, Resident of the Prince of Holstein-Gottorp, went from hence, but his Return is suddenly expected. The 13th was observed as a Day of Thanksgiving for the great Successes of the last Campaign, where Prince Eugene and several other General Officers assisted at the *Te Deum*, which was sung in the Romen Catholick Church of this Town. The States of Holland and Westfrizeland assembled Yesterday. The Prince of Hesse Hombourg and Prince William of Hesse Cassel took the same Day the Oaths of Fidelity before their High Mightinesses, as Lieutenants-General of Horse in the Service of this State; Monsieur Ils was also Sworn as Major-General of Foot. Letters from Dresden say, that the Duke of Courland was arrived there from Bareith, on his return to his Dominions, which were abandoned by the Swedes. They add, that General Czeremetoff was advanced near Riga with a considerable Body of the Muscovite Army, and that he waited for the Artillery which was falling down the Dwina, to Attack the Place in Form.

Leith, November 7. On Saturday last came into our Road a Dutch Man of War of 50 Guns, from Rotterdam, who came out with some Fishing Doggers, that are going to the Winter Fishing. Yesterday came into our Harbour a Swedish Ship laden with Iron, and a Danish Ship with Timber; who has lain her Quarantain in our Road, for fear they had been infected with the Plague.

Falmouth, November 12. Yesterday arrived the Expedition Packet, Capt. Clyes Commander, in twelve Days from Lisbon. Put in at the same time the Prince George of and for Copenhagen, Stephen Mayer Commander, from the Coast of Cormandel in India, with Pepper, &c. Came in also the Concordia and Krigsman Privateers, and brought Prizes the two Brothers and the Neptune, both of and for Nantz from Martineco. Also the Queen Anne Privateer from Cruising in the Streights, where she took several Prizes.

Plimouth, November 13. Yesterday sailed to the Eastward her Majesty's Ships the Essex, Le Firme, Breda and Sunderland, with the Drake and Smirna Factor, one Bomb Vessel, and seventy Sail of Transports, Merchant-ships

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